

**Remarks**

Applicants respectfully request that the above amendment to claims 6-9 be entered. No claims have been added or cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-19 are pending in the present application.

Claim 6 has been amended to provide a catalytic hydrocarbon reformer for making reformat. The reformer includes an electronic control module for controlling the flow of hydrocarbon fuel and air into the reformer. The electronic control module is programmed with a software construct for determining a fuel combustion time interval for pre-heating the hydrocarbon catalytic reformer from a starting temperature to a minimum reforming temperature.

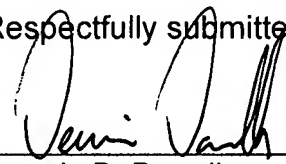
Claims 7-9 have been amended so that they are consistent with amended claim 6, specifically directing the claims to a catalytic hydrocarbon reformer.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may have been overlooked to Deposit Account No. 10-0223.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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